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FOR EUR/RPM AND EUR/SOV FROM USDEL CSCE

SUMMARY: US AND SOVIETS ENGAGED IN HUMAN RIGHTS DEBATE IN
PLENARY AFTER AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG, SUMMING UP FIRST SIX
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WEEKS OF MEETING, CRITICIZED SOVIETS AND CZECHS CITING
SPECIFICALLY ORLOV, SHCHARANSKY, GINSBERG CASES.
SOVIETS RESPONDED WITH FIRST CRITICISM OF US HUMAN
RIGHTS RECORD AND CHARGED THAT US ATTITUDE WAS DISRUPTIVE,
AND US WOULD BEAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY "RUPTURE" OF
MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. PLENARY -- DETAILED REPORT OF PLENARY DEBATE AND TEXT OF AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG'S STATEMENT ARE BEING TRANSMITTED SEPTELS.

2. BASKET ONE (CBMS) -- FOUR SPONSORS OF ALLIED CBM'S PROPOSAL (NORWAY, NETHERLANDS, UK, AND CANADA) GAVE DETAILED EXPLANATION OF PROPOSAL'S CONSTITU-

ENT PARTS. US DELEGATE RELATED MAIN ELEMENTS OF PROPOSAL TO SHORTCOMINGS HIGHLIGHTED IN IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW AND INDICATED HOW PROPOSALS MIGHT SERVE TO INSURE MORE CONSISTENT IMPLEMENTATION IN FUTURE. REPRESENTATIVES OF BULGARIA, POLAND AND SOVIET UNION REITERATED FAMILIAR ARGUMENTS AGAINST ENLARGING CBMS, WHICH WERE BUTTED BY SEVERAL ALLIED AND NNA SPEAKERS. SOVIET REP CHARACTERIZED ALLIED PROPOSAL AS ATTEMPT TO REWRITE FINAL ACT. POLE IMPLIED IT WAS AIMED AT INTELLIGENCE GATHERING. MALTA DISMISSED SOVIET NON-FIRST-USE OF NUCLEAR FORCE PROPOSAL AS UNACHIEVABLE IN FORUM WHERE ALL NUCLEAR POWERS NOT REPRESENTED AND PROPOSED INSTEAD COMMITMENT BY NUCLEAR POWERS IN CSC NOT TO USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS AGAINST NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPONS STATES. AT END OF SESSION, SOVIET REP ARGUED THAT REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION IN BASKET ONE HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND THAT WORKING BODY MUST HENCEFORTH RESTRICT ITSELF TO NEW MEASURES AND DRAFTING. ITALIAN AND BRITISH REPS DIS-

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PUTED THIS VIEW AND SAID REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PRINCIPLES WOULD CONTINUE NEXT WEEK.

3. BASKET TWO -- ALL DISCUSSION WAS ON TRANSPORT COOPERATION. EC-9 SPEAKERS PRAISED WORK BEING CARRIED OUT IN INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF EC, NOTED SOME PROGRESS, BUT COMPLAINED THAT EASTERN COUNTRIES DID NOT RECIPROCATATE WESTERN LIBERALIZATION EFFORTS. THEY SAID EAST MADE IT DIFFICULT FOR WESTERN TRANSPORTERS TO CARRY FREIGHT FROM EAST, LEVIED HEAVY AXES FOR USE OF THEIR ROADS, FTEN BOUGHT AT F.O.B. AND SOLD AT C.I.F. RICES. EASTERN COUNTRIES DEFENDED THEIR RECORD BY LISTING VARIOUS AGREEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES. HUNGARY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA SUPPORT SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL MEETING ON TRANSPORT; CZECHOSLOVAK REP SUGGESTED CONSTRUCTION OF IMPORTANT EUROPEAN HIGHWAYS, LINKAGE OF WATERWAYS, DEVELOPMENT OF AUTOMATICALLY CONTROLLED RAILROAD SYSTEMS, PROBLEMS OF STANDARDIZATION OF ROAD RULES AND SIGNALS, AND INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT RATES AS POSSIBLE SUBJECTS FOR CONFERENCE. SOVIET REP REACTED STRONGLY TO "UNJUSTIFIED UNFOUNDED" EC-9 PRESENTATIONS, CRITICIZING

THEM AS BEING UNSPECIFIC AND CRITICIZING EC-9 FOR NOT RAISING ALLEGED CASES AT "APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL BODIES DEALING WITH TRANSPORT." SOVIET REP SUGGESTED THAT EC-9 INTERVENTIONS WERE FOREBEARER OF "RENEWED PROTECTIONIST POLICES, SOME OF WHICH ARE DISTINCTLY DISCRIMINATORY AGAINST SOCIALIST COUNTRIES." SWISS REP, ASSOCIATING HIMSELF WITH EC-9 STATEMENTS, NOTED THAT SEVERAL PROBLEMS IN DEALING WITH EAST, E.G. LIMITED

ACCESS TO EASTERN MARKETS AND INABILITY TO RETURN TO WEST WITH LOADS, ARE UNRELATED TO WESTERN ECONOMIC ILLS. BELGIAN REP NOTED THAT DIALOGUE SEEMED TO BE EMERGING AND RESERVED RIGHT TO RETURN TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUBJECT.

4. BASKET THREE -- UNINSPIRED INTERVENTIONS ON EDUCATION CONTINUED AS IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW ARADUALLY APPEARS TO BE LOSING STEAM. FRENCH INTRODUCED FOUR NEW PROPOSALS ON TEACHING OF EUROPEAN HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY, LANGUAGE OLYMPICS, A YOUGH CONFERENCE, AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF EUROPEAN JOURNALIST CLUB (BELGRADE 7401). REPS REVIEWED THEIR UNILATERAL, BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL EFFORTS IN EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES. YUGOSLAV REP STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF UNESCO. SWEDISH DEL CONCENTRATED ON AREAS WHICH NEEDED IMPROVEMENT: GOVERNMENTAL RESTRICTIONS ON SCHOLARS, DISTRIBUTION OF SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS, ACCESS TO SOVIET ARCHIVES AND CURRENCY PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED BY FOREIGN TEACHERS IN EASTERN COUNTRIES. POLITE EXCHANGE DEVELOPED BETWEEN SWISS AND SOVIET REPS OVER SWISS PROPOSAL (BELGRADE 7492) THAT TRAVELING JOURNALISTS BE TREATED SAME AS PERMANENTLY ACCREDITED CORRESPONDENTS. GOLDBERG

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